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**INFORMATION  
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STATEMENT**

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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached are copies of four Japanese patent publications, which were cited in related co-pending U.S. patent application No. 10/697,015. Also, listed for consideration is one U.S. patent, which also was cited in the above-mentioned related co-pending U.S. patent application No. 10/697,015. Any relevance of the Japanese patent publications may be gleaned from the related co-pending applications, from the attached English-language Abstracts of the publications and English-language translations of the respective ones of the publications. Any relevance of the U.S. patent is self-evident. The publications and U.S. patent are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested. The Examiner may also wish to consider related co-pending applications No. 10/697,247, No. 10/722,446 and 10/697,318.

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